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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed


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herewith and Applicants request that the Examiner consider the cited references and make an independent evaluation of their materiality. A partial copy of European Search Report received in Applicants' corresponding European Application No. EP 00121032.7 is also enclosed.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this response. However, if such petition is due or any other fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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